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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII

| JTH TAX LLC d/b/a LIBERTY TAX | ) 1:20-CV-00087 JAO-KJM   |
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| SERVICE,  Plaintiff,  vs.     | ) PLAINTIFF JTH TAX LLC d/b/a/<br>LIBERTY TAX SERVICE'S<br>MOTION IN LIMINE NO. 1 TO<br>EXCLUDE ANY REFERENCE |
| OWEN H. D'SOUZA, NORMA C.     | ) TO PRIOR AGREEMENTS OR  |
| D'SOUZA, and PICASSO TRIGGER  | ) UNDERSTANDINGS;   |
| COMPANY LLC,                  | ) MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT   |
| Defendants.                   | <ul><li>) OF MOTION; CERTIFICATE OF</li><li>) SERVICE</li></ul>   |
|                               | Trial Date: June 28, 2021 Time: 8:30 A.M. Judge: Hon. Jill A. Otake   |

PLAINTIFF JTH TAX LLC d/b/a/ LIBERTY TAX SERVICE'S MOTION *IN LIMINE* NO. 1 TO EXCLUDE ANY REFERENCE TO PRIOR AGREEMENTS OR UNDERSTANDINGS

Plaintiff JTH Tax LLC d/b/a Liberty Tax Service ("Liberty"), by and through its attorneys, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP, respectfully moves this honorable Court *in limine*, to preclude Defendants Picasso Trigger Company, LLC ("Picasso Trigger"), Owen H. D'Souza ("D'Souza"), and Norma C. D'Souza (collectively "Defendants") from introducing at trial any and all documents, testimony, evidence, or calling or seeking to examine any witness related to any discussions, agreements, understandings, or compromises related to Defendants obtaining a franchise or negotiation of the written agreement dated April 18, 2014.

Discussions, agreements, understandings, or compromises that predate the April 18, 2014 franchise agreement signed between Liberty and Defendants is irrelevant and any probative value is outweighed by prejudice. Such issues will only waste the Court's time.

This Motion is brought pursuant to Rule 7 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Rules 401, 402, and 403 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, and is based on the attached memorandum in law, and the records and files herein.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, June 8, 2021.

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